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Dear Dr. Augustyniak:

On behalf of NICEATM, ICCVAM, and the ICCVAM Immunotoxicity Working Group (IWG), we are pleased to provide the attached comments on the proposed revised draft OECD Test Guideline (TG) for the updated TG 429 *Skin Sensitisation: Local Lymph Node Assay* (LLNA), and the two new draft TGs that describe non-radioactive versions of the LLNA, the LLNA: DA and the LLNA: BrdU-ELISA. These comments are in response to the December 16, 2009 notification from the OECD requesting comments on the revised draft LLNA TGs. We ask that you forward these comments to the OECD Secretariat by January 27, 2010 for consideration by the 30 OECD member countries. We also request the opportunity to discuss any proposed national position that differs from what is provided in the comments, prior to finalization of the U.S. position, and an explanation if there are any comments not included in the U.S. position. We also ask that you share with us any comments provided by U.S. experts outside of ICCVAM so that we can make them available to ICCVAM and the IWG.

ICCVAM agency representatives and IWG members support the revised draft LLNA TGs and concur with the most recent revisions. The comments that are provided suggest minor edits that do not change the context of the proposed revisions.

We appreciate the opportunity for the ICCVAM to provide comments on these revised draft TGs. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions or concerns regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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